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SHORTAGE OF SKILLED PROFESSIONALS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

a. whether there is any shortage of skilled professionals in various sectors of the country;

b. if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, Sector-wise; and

c. the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): Ministry of Labour & Employment has not carried out any specific survey of shortage of skilled professionals in the country. However, in the context of faster economic growth, there is always a need to equip professionals with necessary skills.

(b) & (c): Government has taken up the following steps to improve supply of skilled professionals:

(i) Up-gradation of 500 Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) - 100 with domestic funding and 400 with World Bank assistance.

(ii) Up-gradation of the remaining 1396 Government ITIs through Public Private Partnership mode.

(iii) Establishment of new ITIs and strengthening of existing ITIs in the North Eastern States, Sikkim and J&K.

(iv) Imparting of short term modular employable skills under the scheme "Skill Development Initiative" in 340 modules covering various sectors of economy.

(v) "In-principle" approval of Planning Commission has been obtained for opening of 1500 ITIs and 5000 Skill Development Centres in unserviced blocks across the country.